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REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 13, 15, and 17-24. Applicants specifically thank the Examiner for withdrawing the rejection of claims 13 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and the rejection of claim 15 under §112, first paragraph.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 4-9 and 12 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,680,262 to Bochner et al. ("Bochner"). While the Applicants respectfully disagree that the subject matter of these claims is anticipated, claims 1, 2, 4-9, 12, and 25 have been cancelled herein, leaving only the allowed claims pending.

The Applicants' cancellation of the foregoing claims is done only in an effort to move prosecution of the present application forward to allowance. The Applicants do not intend to infer any agreement or acquiescence with the Examiner's rejections of claims 1, 2, 4-9, 12, and 25. Indeed, the Applicants specifically reserve the right to continue prosecution of the subject matter of claims 1, 2, 4-9, 12, and 25 in one or more continuation applications.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. Action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested.

In the event this response is not timely filed, Applicants hereby petition for the appropriate extension of time and request that the fee for the extension along with any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper be charged to our Deposit Account No. 12-2355.

Respectfully submitted,

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